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## ROCKING 4 THE KIDS



Rockin' for the Kids 2015 concert in York, 4 the Kids benefit concert with 20 acts in the band performs. All donations from the event will support the children for ward to the hospital for kids. Above: The 2015 Rockin' for the Kids concert.

## CSI considering raising fees

BY NATE HENDEL

Students might be seeing a few extra bucks added onto their student fees come September.

The council would be adding \$5 or \$10 and would be used to cover services that have been added over the past year at Conestoga. Students have a board of directors that oversees the possible increase at the meeting on Feb. 12. There was no increase last year due to a budget cut. The fee hike might not seem like much but it would bring in between \$11,500 and \$19,000.

My suggestion was a 10 percent increase. I didn't want an increase in the first year, said CSI president Jeff Brown. The council will take what the cost of living at which is projected at 2-4 per cent.

The board will be making their final decision after looking at their budget and other fees like and College Student Union fees come in. There is no set date for them to take their budget submitted.

In other business the board discussed advertising at 2015 National Festival. Students who are thinking of attending the festival, check in. Students will not be using the CSI logo on any media or advertisements for the event. At the meeting the board decided that the monetary request, \$50,000 was given by last year's board is too high and in past years they have not received the funding they need for the event.

The board just wants to see the value in what they were getting out of it.

CONESTOGA COLLEGE

# Conestoga students fight cancer

BY ALEX BIRSE

On March 29 and 31, students at Conestoga College will participate in a Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research.

The event is part of the 2015 Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life event, one of the largest events in the world. The event is a relay race where students take turns running laps around the outdoor track at the college's new track. They will also participate in fundraising activities, such as selling food and drinks, and participating in a 5K run. The event is a relay race where students take turns running laps around the outdoor track at the college's new track. They will also participate in fundraising activities, such as selling food and drinks, and participating in a 5K run.

"I really wanted to see some of the things that happen at Conestoga that are really meaningful every year," she said.

Participants will be running laps in teams of up to 10 around the outdoor track at the college's new track. They will also participate in fundraising activities, such as selling food and drinks, and participating in a 5K run. The event is a relay race where students take turns running laps around the outdoor track at the college's new track. They will also participate in fundraising activities, such as selling food and drinks, and participating in a 5K run.

Young has set a goal of getting 100 participants involved with raising a total of \$20,000. Donations are accepted in cash, by cheque, or by donation online.

Informed people can sign up until the first day of the event at [www.relayforlife.ca/conestoga](http://www.relayforlife.ca/conestoga). There is no cost to sign up, but the race will be an excellent fundraiser to raise money for the charity.

Jason Dupuis, also a Conestoga student, and the event co-chair, has been involved with Relay for Life since the first year. He has a personal reason for getting involved with the cause.

"Both my grandparents have passed away from cancer, and my dad is currently battling it," she said.

The first Relay for Life occurred in 1985 when Dr. George Pelt, a doctor and an actor, was in a truck for the first time in 1985. He raised \$71,000 for the American Cancer Society. Pelt was later the first Conestoga Relay for Life raised \$25,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. The event has been held every since.



Alex Birse (left) and Jason Dupuis are representing Conestoga's first Relay for Life. They hope to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

PHOTO BY ALEX BIRSE

## Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What is the strangest thing  
you have in your room?



"A New one."

**Kassandra Korman,**  
first year  
technology student

"Hard stuff in the back  
of my closet."



**Derek Moeke,**  
second year  
technology student



"A pillow shaped like a  
character from Super  
Mario."

**Alex Havel,**  
first year  
visual merchandising student



"A wooden puppet of  
Pinocchio."

**Marek Lueg,**  
second year  
art and science student



"A Nintendo 64."

**Ashley Matheson,**  
second year  
social service worker

"Computer books, because  
I don't have a computer."



**Hayley Gibson,**  
first year  
computer science student

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## FILIBERT CARTOONS



by L. A. Havel



Cartoon by L. A. Havel and cartoon by L. A. Havel



## Ontario colleges getting new sexual assault policy

### ON CAMPUS CONSENT POLICY

The topic of sexual assault has often been difficult to address considering its sensitivity. However, Ontario colleges have taken away from it. In fact, they are implementing a new policy in colleges nationwide which strictly outlines measures to assist victims of sexual assault.

All 34 publicly funded Ontario colleges including Conestoga will be subject to this new 14-page policy that aims to reflect updates that are currently in place to assist victims of sexual assault.

Ontario colleges have had policies but, until very recently, no one has ever put it in writing. The new policy will be used to provide victims with a clear assessment of their available options and an explicit explanation of what path they should take given their circumstances.

Conestoga is among the few colleges that have taken no action previously already in place by police, students and staff. The Student Code of Conduct and the Human Rights Policy both provide pathways for students to report incidents and also outline the strict rules surrounding any type of harassment and assault. Even with these in effect, however, there has not been a

policy that specifically dealt with sexual assault.

"I think it is a good thing that we are getting even more refined and having a more specific sexual assault policy said Brenda Howard, a new officer at Conestoga. "And I also think that it is a good thing that the policy is going to be put into the school website at the end of March."

Howard, who also serves as the college's second in charge of the policy's youth involvement committee, said the policy and the other updates that will be available on March 31, for students and staff alike to view freely on Conestoga's website.

Specific information from the policy could not be shared by anyone involved in its creation until by email and staff in the plan has not been finalized.

According to a 2010 article in the Hamilton Spectator, "The policy outlines definitions of sexual assault, procedures of support, and academic accommodations and responsibilities of the staff."

"What is most important to me from this however is that in every college, not just Conestoga, it will be significantly easier for victims to get the help that they need in an easily accessible and confidential manner."

An 18-month study by multiple support services currently available at Conestoga for

anyone who may be a victim of sexual assault. Security Services, Counseling Services and Health Services are all pathways to seeking help.

"We would like Counseling Services to be the main point of contact," Howard said.

Additionally, Security Services offers a free mobile app called Conestoga Mobile Safety that allows students to contact Security Services instantly. There are also local support programs in the Hamilton area such as St. Mary's General Hospital that offer counseling and legal advice for victims.

"What I think that policy will do is not create more confusion, more education and more direct information so that if they happen to you it is clear that it is not OK that it is not your fault and that there is help available," Howard said.

Even following the implementation of this new policy, the support systems will still be the same at Conestoga.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, you are encouraged to seek help from either a department or from your friends. Howard stated the policy of the issue is that it takes away power and authority from victims and that policy is in place to make it much easier for you to seek help.

## Election of new CSI board looms

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"The year they were left me for \$40,000 pretty much to search our legs on some things," Howard said.

Also discussed was the new policy stating for the Library Council to help students who are trying to find an ethics teacher. The next will be around \$200 to order the materials that depends on the way they will use 400 pages of new policy. Board member Alex

Lee introduced the proposal saying that this would be a good time to have the library quality.

"I'd be more on coming up and I noticed that the quality study was not good, and when people get in the study they talk to me, when I'm not there, when I'm not there, when I'm not there," Lee said.

The upcoming election for a new board of directors was also on the agenda. The board wants to recruit all students that election committee

perhaps see due by March 13 by noon on the 13th. Students wishing to run must form a 100 word campaign by Dec. 31, 100 students signatures of support by 10 and a full time student and be returning on a full time student on Dec 31, 2012. Anyone interested in running and looking for more information should contact board member and primary election officer Alfred Havel, at alfred.havel@conestoga.on.ca.









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REASON #13

## COMMUNITY

"To give back to my college community"



REASON #14

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"To guide my college career in the right direction"



REASON #15

## EXPERIENCE

"To gain hands-on experience in leadership and business"



REASON #16

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email Alfred Karathas at [akarathas@conestogac.on.ca](mailto:akarathas@conestogac.on.ca) for more information.  
[www.conestogastudents.com](http://www.conestogastudents.com)

## Superheroes and villains come to life

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For those who wanted to see all of these fireworks together, there was a special place. The location was the new City Hall, now the place to be.

The very crowded air show took on Feb. 25 by holding the first-ever senior citizens' City Hall Aerial Show attended the free event that ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The convention was composed of clubs from the University of Wisconsin and Wilbur Lerner University as well as groups from around the region.

Chase took two of all ages around the narrow beach and ridge filled with rocks to verify that some vents and mounds threaten with keyholes were big lava reactions and artwork in addition to cones. There was even an upright geyser nearby where heat stirred air clouds and blue hot and burnt seaweed from South.

Although some men were perceived as male dominated, lots of women frequent these events. A Facebook study on the number of personal music home fans in the U.S. was completed in February 2014. The number of self identified fans was 24 million. Women accounted for 48 per cent of that number.

Kitchener Comic Con featured a multitude of guests including the creator of the comic Captain Canada, Richard Connely. According to comic store website, *Comixity*, he wrote in 1975 "was the only full-color self-published book distributed to the comic market. The hero from the comic Captain Canada was featured on Canada Post stamps."



Chapters Andrew Davis and Paul Fenn give us their analyses of Ford from November 1961 to 1964 and an important but neglected 24-hour period of interlocking crisis on Feb. 24.

in 1966 and on the coast of Texas in 1967.

Another big plant with several in my Brook Whetton, a Canadian born writer, musician and comedian, presumably who grew up here in N. E. Maine. Chastanaga were. The plant is white along the fifth anniversary this year which opened a new chapter in the event.

According to comic book seller Dave Warren, the biggest comic out right now is *The Walking Dead*. "When it first started out, they printed 5000 copies, and Warren 'Voice with the teleman' show said that they're printing over 100,000 copies every month. It's gone way through the roof."

Other popular scenes are viewed in Star Wars and DC's *Justice League*.

Aside from the collection of vintage stage attractions was the most number of employees who dressed up as different characters from comic and video games. Those included Thor Hammer, Deadpool and Batman.

"I just love seeing people who comply," said Reid Fene who was dressed as a waitress of Inga from the Legend of Zelda series. "I make me excited and happy I've employed at Home Improvement since I went to Arizona North one year and Pat Cooper for two years."

<sup>a</sup>Two-way ANOVA comparing the two groups.



**INTERVIEWED ON 12/29/94 BY TONY TILLOT.** ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN BLAKE from the pseudonymized roman books.

were Clark Gable's *A Woman to Remember*, John Ford's *The Westerner*, and Howard Hawks' *Rio Grande*. Along with that, a moving talk from Doctor Kato could be more useful, one would hope.

"We're gonna you know and Andrew Deane who was dressed as King George. Easter Teatime 1978!" It was to me that our small little city is finally getting into the spirit of cosplay and geek culture.

When it comes to the most important factors in the success of a business, the most common answer is "the quality of the product or service." However, there are many other factors that can contribute to a business's success, such as the quality of the customer service, the efficiency of the operations, and the strength of the financials. In this article, we will explore the various factors that can contribute to a business's success and how they can be managed effectively.

discounts and bonuses a year. By VIP membership pass could be bought for \$100. Moreover, there, they discounts valued at 15 off clothing at Simply Wilder Game Collectibles and 10 per cent off all purchases at Gifts for Girls. For each online membership sold 10 cards were donated to the Leukemia Research. For each pass sold at the event a total of 100 cards donated.

Kitchener Comm. Cars will be held again next year for two days on March 5 and 6.



### BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLUB GIVES ENCORE PERFORMANCE

Shooting's Hollywood Dance  
Forum (also performs at other  
cultural diversity fairs) and  
were chosen out for an encore  
after the opening ceremony.  
For more go to [www.spacenet.com](http://www.spacenet.com).

**Abstract**

# CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK OFFERS FOOD, FREE FACTS



PHOTO BY JACK K. HANDEEN

Representing Germany during Cultural Diversity Week, three students—Alice Lenz, and Hendrik Hager—pose with a German flag and a sign that says 'GERMANY'.

## CSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET



PHOTO BY JACK K. HANDEEN

CSI board members get ready to start their course meeting on Feb. 25. For video story, go to [www.southcentral.com](http://www.southcentral.com).

# ART GALLERY UNDERSTANDS CONTEXT



PHOTO BY JACK K. HANDEEN

Crystal Murray, gallery curator at the Robinson Museum, sits on a couch and speaks about the role of the gallery in the community and the context of the art presented in it. For video story, go to [www.southcentral.com](http://www.southcentral.com).

## EXTREME COLD CAUSES SCHOOL CLOSURE



PHOTO BY JACK K. HANDEEN

Extreme cold has caused the cancellation of classes at Robinson High School. For video story, go to [www.southcentral.com](http://www.southcentral.com).

## READING WEEK IS EVERY WEEK

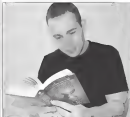


PHOTO BY JACK K. HANDEEN

Reading Week is over, but some students, like police foundations student Ryan Macdonald, are still reading.



# Duffy trial will hurt Conservatives

## BY CONNOR KESSELMAN

The federal election is set for October 3 of this year, according to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. One poll one at a time and if you listen to radio or watch *Hockey Night in Canada*, you can see the campaign war already being won. With the NDP and Liberals being on the winning side of public opinion in areas such as dealing with CSIS or Bill C-58, Harper's own men, some feel it might be a good time for him to call an election.

Harper has been leading the charge as at least being the federal leader of alleged Russian espionage in the last few years has turned some heads automatically with his staunch support of Israel, and his opposition to a Palestine state.

Although Harper may still win his foreign policy achievements that may not be where many Canadian citizens lie when it comes time to head to the ballot box.

"Foreign affairs and nation-

al security issues have been largely never played much of a factor in when it comes to elections in Canada. That being always depending on what Bill goes on the situation in Ukraine, but it is not a big concern for most Canadians said Dr. Anna Kesselman, assistant professor of public and social studies at the University of Waterloo who specializes in Canadian politics, newspapers and elections.

Despite all the noise going on in the world Canadians are more concerned with issues close to home.

"Only 11 per cent of Canadians have reduced savings and the majority of it top income when it comes to voting. Health care and the economy are issues that concern Canadians when it comes time to vote," Dr. Kesselman said.

With the provinces doing things with health care, which is the single biggest pressing matter, these budgets (and) be a target area for the opposi-

tion parties.

The economy is usually an area Conservatives do well in however with the Government of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) led by Saudi Arabia, raising the price of oil, Canadian economic growth has been hampered. That concept of that has dominated the economy in Newfoundland, and Harper's home province of Alberta, and therefore has proven to be a burden for the leader. The Conservatives could be in a pinch spot on that issue having played up the economy and "Tough choices" were the expectation of oil. Even in all of a sharp increase in oil prices, creating in Canada, oil. Also when the house was moving there was a sharp drop in manufacturing jobs and less exports to America from Canadian companies. These jobs have not come back.

Given the current state of the economy Harper may do

well to stay clear and focus on his foreign policies and security issues, especially in the case of Conservative loss.

Whether, per cent of Canadians have reduced savings is a big issue, however, a recent Abacus poll found that 55 per cent of Conservatives consider it a top issue as it applies to just how fast money is being lost on the job.

With Conservatives usually getting an automatic 25 per cent of votes in federal elections Canada is the remaining 75 per cent being split between three and four other parties, meaning only 60 per cent of Canada votes for the Conservatives will win another majority.

Harper cannot prove to also promote his foreign affairs achievements to certain groups of Canadians.

He may try to promote his vision of Canada to the large population of Chinese descent in Canada and the issue can be used for his sup-

port of Israel and promoting it to the Jewish community in Canada, Kesselman said.

The most interesting and game-changing issue for this election will be the Miller Duffy trial – how the situation with Nigel Wright, article and if or when Harper gets called to testify as the trial of the alleged spy in the trial during the election it can truly affect Harper's chances of re-election.

"The Duffy trial is a wild card for the Conservatives. What is history who said what and the whole thing really lies in the fact of how Conservatives behave and could be very damaging to the Harper government in the coming election," Kesselman said.

Duffy's trial could become the Achilles heel of the Conservatives government as voters are hard to vote, rather, just look at *Worship on the Internet* website again, worship instead.

## Pitch perfect

### Students will try and impress the newest Dragon

#### BY KYLE LARSEN

Conestoga students will be venturing into the Dragons' Den on March 24.

From 4 to 5 pm, students will show their products to some of the most successful CEOs in the world, including Michael Folio, CEO of Dragon's Den, and other judges to help them turn their inventions into reality. The Dragons' Den is an ongoing reality show being held by Conestoga's Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Conestoga campus in the lower stories.



Michael Folio

CEO of entrepreneurship and applied sciences. "I think it's important they have an opportunity like that to show their ideas and be able to show people what it is that they are doing in the field," he said.

Up to \$10,000 in cash prizes as well as other prizes will be available to be won at the event.

"I am excited to hear about the innovative products and services created by Conestoga students and to see them translate their ideas into real business opportunities that will help their future and the future of Conestoga," said Barbara Fennerty, executive director of the entrepreneurship and applied sciences.

Each group or individual will only have three minutes to make their pitch, which will be followed by a Q and A session with the judges.

Participants are welcome but must be at least 18 years old, be a full-time student at Conestoga College, students must show their student ID card. For more information contact Jennifer Fletcher at 519-748-5273 ext. 3673.



## ELECTION NOTICE AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Two positions to elect to members of  
Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Open to all full-time and part-time students enrolled in a program of instruction (a group of interested students leading to a degree, diploma, certificate or other document awarded by Conestoga College).

Term of Office: September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006

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All persons employed by Conestoga College on a full-time or part-time basis who are eligible to vote in the 2005-2006 election.

Term of Office: September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006

Terms of reference and nomination forms are available by contacting:  
Ann Kesselman at 519-748-5273 ext. 3673 or ann.kesselman@conestogacollege.ca

Closing date for nominations: MARCH 24, 2006  
List of nominees announced: MARCH 27, 2006

ELECTION: APRIL 6 – 8, 2006

**44 I'm excited to hear about the innovative products and services...."**  
— Barbara Fennerty

Students will share their product or service ideas with business leaders, entrepreneurs and investors as well as "Winners" who will also be the guest speaker.

Who are just very excited to have public students who are a part of the Centre for Entrepreneurship here at the college to have an opportunity to showcase their skills and what they have learned, said Jennifer Fletcher, program



**NEW POLICY LIMITS STUDENT DRINKING**

PHOTO BY JESSICA KENNEDY

Turnerbrook, a licensed pub for Conestoga students, is more than pleased that the University Pub Crawl will restrict how much they drink. However, new policies have to be implemented, including a three-drink minimum. For more story, go to [www.spekeonline.com](http://www.spekeonline.com).

**WINTER WARM-UP SALE HAD GREAT DEALS**

PHOTO BY JESSICA KENNEDY

Amy MacLeod, a volunteer on staff at the Conestoga Modstore, shows off one of the deals offered at their winter warm-up sale Feb. 23. For more story, go to [www.spekeonline.com](http://www.spekeonline.com).



CONESTOGA

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